

***REGULAR ANDOVER CITY COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 21, 2014
MINUTES***

The Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Andover City Council was called to order by Mayor Mike Gamache, January 21, 2014, 7:00 p.m., at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, Minnesota.

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| Councilmembers present: | Mike Knight, Sheri Bukkila, Julie Trude and Tony Howard |
| Councilmember absent: | None |
| Also present: | City Administrator, Jim Dickinson Community Development Director, Dave Carlberg Director of Public Works/City Engineer, David Berkowitz City Attorney, Scott Baumgartner Others |

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESIDENT FORUM

No one wished to address the Council.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Staff added supplemental information for Item 10 (Anoka County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report).

Motion by Bukkila, Seconded by Knight, to approve the Agenda as amended above. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 7, 2014, Regular Meeting: Correct as written.

Motion by Trude, Seconded by Howard, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

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| Item 2 | Approve Payment of Claims |
| Item 3 | Approve Resolution/Request MnDOT to Conduct Speed Study/Jay Street NW |

- (North of Bunker Lake Blvd NW) (See Resolution R005-14)
- Item 4 Approve Resolution/Request MnDOT to Conduct Speed Study/Martin Street NW (South of Bunker Lake Blvd) (See Resolution R006-14)
- Item 5 Approve Extension of Liquor License/Beef O’Brady’s
- Item 6 Approve Application for Exempt Permit/Rum River Chapter of MN Deer Hunters
- Item 7 Accept Park & Recreation Commission Resignation
- Item 8 Approve Commission Appointments
- Item 9 Approve Debt Service Payments

Motion by Knight, Seconded by Bukkila, approval of the Consent Agenda as read. Motion carried unanimously.

ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT

Commander Kevin Halweg presented the December 2013 Anoka County Sheriff’s Office Monthly Report.

Councilmember Trude wondered why there have been a lot of accidents recently on Hanson Boulevard. Commander Halweg stated the road conditions are a primary factor in these accidents and the presence of a lot of black ice on the roads. He noted that people are not leaving enough stopping distance for the road conditions.

APPROVE PRELIMINARY PLAT OF BENT CREEK SHORES

Mr. Carlberg explained the City Council is asked to review a Preliminary Plat for Bent Creek Shores. The proposed preliminary plat contains 6 urban residential lots as proposed by Boulder Contracting, LLC.

Mr. Carlberg reviewed the staff report with the Council.

Councilmember Trude wondered if infiltration analysis will be on all of the plats coming in for review. Mr. Berkowitz stated in many cases if they do select the best management practice to create an infiltration basin, they will have to do the test. He stated this is a Coon Creek Watershed District rule and in the future, the City will have it in our rules as well.

Councilmember Trude stated there is a possibility the development will lose trees due to the infiltration basin. Mr. Berkowitz indicated that is correct.

Councilmember Bukkila asked since these will all be custom homes, will the normal grading seen on other plats be done here. Mr. Berkowitz stated they will be required to grade the entire site because of low areas. He noted a lot of the trees by the creek will stay and be preserved.

Mr. Jim Cormere, Boulder Contracting, LLC, 2322 171st Lane NE, Ham Lake; stated on January 27th

they will be dealing with the Coon Creek Watershed District issue to describe how some of the water in the front yards will drain, stay onsite, or be mitigated so it does not overflow into the creek.

Mr. Cormere updated the Council on the development, noting the majority of the homes will be full basement homes in the \$275,000-\$350,000 price range with deep lots. There is going to be buffering between the homes and the Coon Creek.

Councilmember Howard noted on Lot 4, 135th Lane is directly across and the lot shows a driveway directed at the street. He wondered if those will be the actual driveway sites or will they be switched. Mr. Cormere stated it depends on how the house will be laid out on the lot but in this case they were put on the side so people do not drive up from the street into the driveways. He stated it would be homeowner preference item.

Councilmember Howard stated the garage floor elevations are getting pretty close to the City's maximum allowed and wondered if there was any way to step the garage floors down. Mr. Cormere stated it would depend on the style of home.

Councilmember Howard stated on Lots 1-3, the elevations are substantially different, which was a concern to him.

Councilmember Howard wondered what the projected height of the retaining wall will be on the south side of the project. Mr. Berkowitz stated it would be around three feet in height.

Mayor Gamache thought this plan would fit well with the surrounding neighborhood and looked nice. Councilmember Trude agreed and was glad there was a tree preservation plan.

Motion by Bukkila, Seconded by Knight, to approve the Preliminary Plat subject to the conditions of Resolution R007-14. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER NAMING 40 ACRE SPORTS COMPLEX/3535 – 161ST AVENUE NW/12-31, CONT.

Mr. Berkowitz stated the City Council is requested approve the naming of the 40 Acre Sports Complex.

Mr. Berkowitz reviewed the staff report with the Council.

Mayor Gamache stated there are 66 parks in the City and a number of them are undeveloped neighborhood and mini parks. He stated in looking at the names of the parks, he noticed they have not been very creative in the naming. A lot of the parks named are directional in nature or named after a nearby creek or waterway. To name the 40 acre sports complex he suggested each councilmember pick out their favorite names on the included list and then discuss it at an upcoming workshop.

Councilmember Knight suggested at the end of the park name, they include “sport complex” because it will be a monumental park in the City.

Councilmember Trude stated there will be something for everyone at this park. She thought a lot of the parks were already named after people. She would like to go along with the Parks Commission recommendation for the name of the park.

Motion by Trude to name the park Pine Hills North Park and if they want to name something after the Bennett Family, they should name the first ballfield on 161st Avenue “Bennett Field.”

Councilmember Trude stated she agreed with the Parks Commission because it is really hard to find some of the parks in the City and it takes a while before the parks will show up on a Google search.

Mayor Gamache did not understand how the difference between the name of the park will make a big difference. Councilmember Trude stated because it is already in the search engine and it takes one to two years for the name to get into the search. Mayor Gamache thought the teams received a map and addresses of each park that the team is playing on and it is up to the different associations to get the players to the correct fields.

Mayor Gamache thought if they have an opportunity to name one of the largest parks they are going to have in the City since Sunshine Park, they should take the time to be creative in the naming.

Councilmember Knight stated this is going to be the centerpiece for the City.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Mayor Gamache suggested the Council pick three or four names from the list for discussion at the February Council Workshop meeting. He suggested the City reach out to the VFWs and American Legions in the area for possible veterans’ names and war heros. He thought they should take the time to name it correctly because it will be one of the nicest parks in the City.

Councilmember Trude stated the last thing they need to think about is that this land has been set up so that it could revert back to development and they have been reluctant to dedicate this land in perpetuity and so she thought that was another reason why she felt less comfortable putting a name on it because it could go away and the Park Commission has agreed with that. Mayor Gamache stated there are plans to split a portion of the land into a park. Mr. Dickinson noted it would be the areas without the ballfields.

Councilmember Trude thought further discussion should be held on dedicating some of the land to a park.

Councilmember Knight suggested putting a permanent sign on 161st Avenue and Round Lake Boulevard. Mr. Dickinson noted this would be Anoka County right-of-way and would need to be discussed with the County.

SCHEDULE FEBRUARY WORKSHOP MEETING

Mr. Dickinson requested the Council schedule a Workshop Meeting to discuss topics as detailed in the staff report.

Motion by Bukkila, Seconded by Trude, to schedule a Workshop Meeting on February 25, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE 2014 LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION

Mr. Dickinson requested the Council provide dates for the 2014 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting. Those dates would then be submitted to Anoka County.

Motion by Trude, Seconded by Bukkila, to submit as the 2014 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting potential dates as April 22, 2014 or April 29, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Staff updated the Council on the administration and city department activities, legislative updates, updates on development/CIP projects, and meeting reminders/community events.

Mayor Gamache thought the January Workshop meeting should be pushed back to 6:30 p.m. in order to allow the Councilmembers attending the Legislative Reception to not have to leave early.

Motion by Bukkila, Seconded by Howard, to move the time of the City Council Workshop to 6:30 p.m. on January 28, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR/COUNCIL INPUT

(Lane Closure on Bunker Lake Boulevard) Councilmember Trude asked staff for clarification on the lane closure on Bunker Lake Boulevard by the Festival Foods entrance. Mr. Berkowitz indicated a garbage hauler hit the stop light arm and disabled the stop light. He noted the lane had to be closed for a portion of the time in order to remove the pole. He explained the County has yet to decide if they want to place a temporary signal or if they will stay with the four-way stop. Councilmember Trude suggested staff advocate for a temporary signal because a lot of City traffic goes through that intersection.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Howard, Seconded by Bukkila, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Osbeck, Recording Secretary

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